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1. IN MY MEETING WITH MINISTER BANGUI-TANDET AUGUST 10, I DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOLIS VISIT TO BANGUI. I SAID THAT I UNDER-STOOD THAT JOLIS WAS WILLING TO COME IF HE COULD BE ASSURED OF A FRANK AND OPEN DIALOGUE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. BANGU-TANDET RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS, OF COURSE, NO QUESTION OF JOLIS' BEING ARRESTED. HE WAS KNOWN AS A FRIEND OF THE CAR. WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTED WAS A DISCUSSION WITH HIM OF THE GOCAR REPORT WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED EARLIER THIS YEAR ON SCED ACTIVITIES. THIS REPORT SET OUT THE GOVERNMENT'S POINT OF VIEW AND THEY AWAITED SCED'S ANSWERS TO CRITICISMS CONTAINED THEREIN. I NOTED THAT JOLIS HAD A VERY BUSY SCHEDULE BUT HOPED TO SCHEDULE A VISIT TO BANGUI. BANGUI-TANDET REPLIED THAT IF THE SCED ISSUE WAS SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT TO JOLIS HE WAS SURE THAT HE WOULD CHANGE HIS SCHEDULE TO MAKE TIME FOR A VISIT TO BANGUI. I URGED THE PRESIDENT TO RESPOND TO FORMER SECRETARY ROGERS' LETTER AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE VEHICLE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO INDICATE HIS WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH JOLIS FOR DISCUSSION OF THE SCED DISPUTE. BANGUE-TANDET SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD ALREADY MADE THIS WILLINGNESS CLEAR IN HIS LAST CABLE TO JOLIS. (PRESUMABLY THE TELEX OF APRIL 24 REPORTED CONFIDENTIAL

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BANGUI 0741) I SAID NONETHELESS IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO REITERATE

## THIS POINT IN A REPLY TO SECRETARY ROGERS.

2. COMMENT: I BELIEVE WE HAVE GONE AS FAR AS IT IS USEFUL IN SEEKING SPECIFIC ASSURANCES ABOUT A POSSIBLE JOLIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. FURTHER PRESSURE ON OUR PART WILL ONLY GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE GOOD FAITH OF THE CAR GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL AND OF THE PRESIDENT IN PARTICULAR. THE NEXT STEP WOULD NOW SEEM TO BE FOR JOLIS TO INDICATE DATES ON WHICH HE COULD VISIT BANGUI AND FOR HIS LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE COPPERMAN TO ATTEMPT TO TIE DOWN AN APPOINTMENT IN THAT TIME FRAME. IF JOLIS COMES, HE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR EXTREMELY FRANK DISCUSSIONS; WHOSE POINT OF DEPARTURE WILL BE GOCAR REPORT.

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